

**5440-86      Director of Special Education**

The holder is authorized to provide direct instruction and administer, supervise and evaluate special education programs and services, and to coordinate them with regular education programs, with home-based services, and with community-based services for students with disabilities.

In order to be judged as competent, the applicant shall meet the following qualifications:

1.      Hold a master's degree, or its equivalent, in Special Education
2.      Have three years of educational experience in a field of related specialization such as:  
         work with students with disabilities, or  
         work in school psychology or guidance, or  
         as a reading coordinator/specialist
3.      Completed a supervised graduate level clinical or school based practicum with students with disabilities for one semester, full-time, or the equivalent amount of time.
4.      Meet the General Competencies specified for school district administrators
5.      Demonstrate knowledge of state and federal regulations concerning the education of students with disabilities and the ability to research and apply current legal interpretations to the special education process.
6.      Demonstrate the ability to develop, coordinate, administer, and evaluate programs of direct services to students with disabilities which include screening, assessment, student eligibility, selection, development, and adaptation of educational materials, curricula, and teacher strategies, development of behavioral management techniques, development of Individual Education Plans, evaluation of student progress, and the integration of students with disabilities into the regular classroom setting.